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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUHIRO YASUI, ET AL.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 10/656,242) Group Art Unit: 1773
Filed: September 8, 2003)
For: FUNCTION DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR MANUFACTURING THE)
SAME, PERPENDICULAR)
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,)
MAGNETIC RECORDING/)
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS)
AND INFORMATION)
PROCESSING APPARATUS : April 7, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

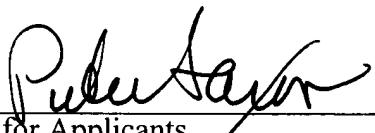
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents have not been enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,610,463 B1	8/03	Ohkura et al.	430	322	8/29/00
		2004/0001964 A1	1/1/04	Ohkura et al.	428	596	8/29/00

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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